



Great Rivers Council

# Boy Scouts of America

BOX 736 (1203 FAY) COLUMBIA, MO 65205-0736/314-449-2561

COUNCIL 553, AREA 5, NORTH CENTRAL REGION

November 21, 1989

Mr. Paul Ernst  
Director, Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
National Office  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P. O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

Enclosed you will find a confidential file on Mr. **John L. Sharp**. I have suspended Mr. Sharp's membership with the Boy Scouts of America as of November 20, 1989. The reasons for this suspension are outlined in the enclosed materials. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*James D. Bare, Jr.*

James D. Bare, Jr.  
Scout Executive

Enclosures

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*Added to file  
Added from reg  
file  
12/5/89  
JMB*



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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 653 Date 11-22-89

Full name John L. Sharo  
(no initials if you can possible get full name)

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City Bland State Missouri ZIP Code 65014

Date of Birth August, 1945 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age 44 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

Religion Not Known Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Education \_\_\_\_\_

Weight 200 lbs. Height 6' 0" Race White

Color of hair Brown or Black Color \_\_\_\_\_

Outstanding characteristics or interests \_\_\_\_\_

Married or single M Children \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting connections: SM + CC Chartered organization Maries County R-2 CTA-Pac

CC#34 - 673 - CC#350 Belle-Bland CTA - Troop

Unit No. T-73/P-73 City Belle (T-73) State Missouri

Position SM/CC Date registered March, 1984 Date resigned 11-22-89

Special recognition Not known

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: See attached

**NOTED**

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SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION,  
INCLUDING HOW THE INFORMATION CAME TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION, AND LIST  
ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CON-  
JECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

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F. STARON

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October 9, 1990

Mr. James D. Bare  
Scout Executive  
Great Rivers Council, No. 653

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: JOHN L. SHARP

Dear Jim:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: North Central Region

READY TO FILE  
OCT 09 1990  
ERIN O'RILEY

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COUNCIL 353, AREA 5, NORTH CENTRAL REGION

September 24, 1990

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

I am responding to your letter of September 20, 1990 concerning John L. Sharp. In visiting with the local sheriff of the town in which Mr. Sharp resided I have learned that there was not sufficient evidence to bring Mr. Sharp to trial. The sheriff also led me to believe that Mr. Sharp has moved from the area.

If you need further information, please contact me. However, we have started the process of redeveloping this troop and a new cub pack in the community that Mr. Sharp resided. If possible I would prefer not to bring this issue up again.

Sincerely yours,

James D. Bare, Jr.  
Scout Executive

JDB/jt



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September 20, 1990

Mr. James D. Bare  
Scout Executive  
Great Rivers Council, No. 653

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: JOHN L. SHARP

Dear Jim:

Periodically, I follow up on each of my cases which are not yet complete. I feel this one is not finished at this time.

We would like to know what happened after the investigation into alleged abuse by Mr. Sharp. Has this matter now been settled through a court of law or was it done through counseling? We really need some statement for our files indicating the outcome.

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

ag

cc: North Central Region

READY TO FILE

SEP 21 1990

ERIN O'RILEY

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April 11, 1990

READY FOR FILE

APR 10 1990

JULIE FIELDER

Mr. James D. Bare  
Scout Executive  
Great Rivers Council, No. 653

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: JOHN L. SHARP

Dear Jim:

I do not know if anything additional has occurred related to this individual, since our last communication in late fall. We would like to have the outcome of any legal action, if this has now taken place after the investigation by the county.

Please let us know if there has been, or will be any legal action. This written confirmation will then give us information for closing our file and having adequate documentation for refusing registration should it be attempted in the future.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

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A. GRAVES

December 13, 1989

Mr. James D. Bare  
Scout Executive  
Great Rivers Council, No. 653

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: JOHN L. SHARP

Dear Jim:

Thank you for the material you recently sent concerning the above named individual. This is most helpful and will enable us to set up a file and refuse registration in the future. We appreciate the very careful way in which you completed the record sheet.

We would like the outcome of the investigation, if there are to be charges filed against Mr. Sharp. We would like the newspaper clippings or court records which give the outcome of that investigation.

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

jf

cc: North Central Region

CONF011771

November 15, 1989

Wiley Tracy, Field Director, informed me that he had been contacted by [REDACTED], a volunteer from Jefferson City, who had received a call from [REDACTED], principal at the [REDACTED], concerning Scoutmaster John L. Sharp. Tracy requested that I contact [REDACTED] concerning the details of this matter.

November 16, 1989

I contacted [REDACTED] by phone. She informed me that Mr. Sharp had been accused of sexually abusing [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was concerned about the repercussions to the teachers because [REDACTED] is a teacher in that school system. [REDACTED] confirmed that the matter had been turned over to the Department of Family Services for investigation.

At this time, I also spoke with Mr. Harold McCoy, Superintendent of Schools for [REDACTED], who confirmed that there were indeed child abuse allegations lodged against Mr. Sharp. Mr. McCoy confirmed that the matter had been turned over to the Department of Family Services for further investigation and then he referred me to the office of the City Marshal. It was my opinion seconded by Quentin Karlstrand, Assistant Scout Executive, that Mr. McCoy did in fact believe that some type of incident had taken place. (Karlstrand was on the phone extension during my conversation with Mr. McCoy.) McCoy expressed concern regarding the repercussions for the teachers who had received these reports from [REDACTED]. He also mentioned that the Sharps had gone to St. Louis for counseling. I informed both [REDACTED] and McCoy that based on these allegations that I would have to remove Mr. Sharp as a Scoutmaster as dictated by the Boy Scouts of America policy procedures in such instances. I told McCoy that Mr. Sharp would be informed of all the necessary actions on my part as Scout Executive of the Great Rivers Council.

November 20, 1989

I briefed Mr. Lloyd Roitstein, my Area Director, of this situation and he suggested that I talk with the Belle City Marshal regarding this matter. He concurred that we should remove Mr. Sharp from his Boy Scout leadership position.

I spoke with Herb Henley, City Marshal of Belle, informing him that I had been referred to him by Mr. McCoy. I informed him that as Scout Executive that I needed to confirm that there were indeed allegations made against Mr. Sharp relating to possible child abuse. He confirmed that allegations against Mr. Sharp were under investigation. (None of the allegations made have concerned members of the Boy Scouts.) He stated that at this time that he did not believe it was "safe for Mr. Sharp to be around Scouts." I thanked Mr. Henley for his concern for the Scouting program.

Based on the upcoming holidays and previous difficulties in reaching Mr. Sharp, I notified him by registered mail that he had been suspended from the Boy Scouts of America. This decision was reviewed by Jack Rogers, Council volunteer, and Bill Dorris, Council President, who both concurred that Mr. Sharp should be suspended based on the current allegations as confirmed by

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three sources.

November 21, 1989

I discussed with Jack Rogers, a Fulton-based professional counselor and member of the Executive Board, the need to contact the Department of Family Services Hotline regarding this matter. His professional opinion was that I should not become involved since I had no first hand knowledge of the alleged incident. Mr. Rogers pointed out that all three of the Missouri-mandated persons had reported the alleged incident to the proper authorities.

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#### ADDENDUM

Mr. Ernst, you need to be aware that we have had other difficulties regarding Mr. Sharp. Approximately two years ago, a complaint was received at the National Office concerning "favoritism" shown by Mr. Sharp with regards to his son's advancements. This complaint was reviewed by Mike Dimond, District Executive, and George Kopp, then the District Commissioner, with the charter partner. At that time, the charter partner did not think that any action was necessary in the matter.

Additionally, Mr. Wallace Snyder, contacted the National Office regarding the operation of Mr. Sharp's troop. Due to the intense concern reflected in [REDACTED] phone call, my wife and I went to Belle on April 2, 1989. In our visit with [REDACTED] and his two sons, it was apparent that his concerns hinged on the financial operation and "why his second son wanted to drop out of Scouts." In a separate conversation with the two boys, my wife and I were unable to detect any indication of abuse. I felt that the troop could benefit from more involved leadership.

On May 1, 1989, Jack Rogers and I visited with Mr. and Mrs. Sharp at the Scout Service Center regarding the concerns of some parents with the operation of Troop 33. The Sharps expressed frustration concerning the difficulties in recruiting additional adult leadership in a small town such as Belle. Rogers and I reviewed with them the steps to follow in securing additional leadership. We told them that both of us would be happy to come to their community in order to help them secure more adult leadership. The Sharps were more concerned about finding out who had called to complain about them.

During August while I was on vacation, [REDACTED] again contacted the Council regarding Mr. Sharp. His concerns continued to center around the lack of fiscal accounting of funds raised for the Troop. Mr. Rogers informed me that there was no allegation or mention of any improper actions as related to Scouts.

Shortly after this call, I was contacted by [REDACTED], the mother of a boy in Troop 33, that other parents were becoming involved in the leadership of the troop. At this point, I felt that the situation was resolved.



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COUNCIL 653, AREA 5, NORTH CENTRAL REGION

November 20, 1989

Mr. John L. Sharp

Bland, MO 65014

Dear Mr. Sharp:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be denied. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to refuse registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a BSA regional review committee, please write to the regional director within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated. The procedures for a review of this decision are attached.

Sincerely yours,

*James D. Bare, Jr.*

James D. Bare, Jr.  
Scout Executive

JDB/jt

(sent by registered mail)



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The following information is provided should you desire a review by the North Central Region, BSA, of the decision to deny your registration.

(1)

Within 60 days, you must request in writing a review of this decision. Your request should be sent to the regional director, North Central Region, BSA. In your request you may include your version of what occurred in support of your claim that your registration should not have been denied.

(2)

Upon the receipt of your written request, a committee will be appointed to review the situation.

(3)

You may attend the review hearing, but it is not adversarial in nature and neither the committee nor you will be represented by legal counsel. If you wish, you may be accompanied by no more than two other individuals if their testimony might assist the committee in discovering the truth and arriving at a correct decision.

(4)

The committee will review the facts as presented, and may interview any persons whose testimony might assist them in arriving at a correct decision.

(5)

You will receive a letter setting forth the decision of the committee.

(6)

If you disagree with the decision of the committee, you may request a review of this decision by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

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MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT SYSTEM

12/06/89

MEMBER DELETE

00:30:28

CNCL 653 PRG/UNIT C3073 SEQ. 002380

FIRST: JOHN J

LAST: SHARP

ADDR1: [REDACTED]

ADDR2: BLAND

ADDR3: [REDACTED]

ADDR4:

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ZIP: 65014

REG STATUS: M ENROLL: 0185 BIRTH: 0845 SEX: M AGENCY: M ADULT/YOUTH: A

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